

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I can't believe that this type of broadcasting is good for our democracy. It attacks the very core of what the founding fathers envisioned as a free and democratic society. If this is allowed to happen it will only darken the image of "government for the people and by the people" Do your job and we will stand with by you, show the world that we still have integrity.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.